

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 6, 5:30 p.m, Old Schoolhouse Common and Zoom

Present: Selectboard members Richard Baker, Justin Campbell, and Michele Gonzales; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Visitors: Nick Seifert (Energy Committee); Steven Hogan

At 5:32 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chair Richard Baker

Changes or additions to the agenda: Sheriff Contract, Highway issues, Energy Committee suggestions

Minutes: Approved the minutes of the May 16 and May 30 Selectboard meetings

Public Comment: Steven Hogan asked what the town's plans are for filling the potholes in Route 215. Bobbi explained that the road crew has been working to clear trees that were downed in the December storm. That work was bumped up on the schedule because FEMA wanted the work done before they wrote the project. Justin will contact the road crew about the potholes.

Energy: Nick suggested that when fluorescent bulbs need to be replaced, we use LED. Bobbi explained that we haven't been able to find LED lights to fit in the can lights in the hallway. Nick will see what he can find through Efficiency Vermont.

ADA Accessibility: The Board approved a quote from Green Mountain Paving & Sealcoating to pave the entrance to the Old Schoolhouse Common, to bring the level of pavement up to the threshold, for accessibility. The price will be \$1,850. Bobbi was not able to get any other quotes because the job is too small for the other paving companies that she contacted.

Water Fountain: The Board authorized Susan Green to contact a plumber about the water fountain.

Invasive Chervil: The Board gave permission for Patrick Pfeiffer to dispose of invasive Chervil in the town dumpster.

Flowers: The Board approved an expense of up to \$100 for flowers in front of the Old Schoolhouse Common. They approved letting the Road Crew remove the bushes around the monument.

Heating: The Board reviewed what has been done so far and will consider upgrading the system as a result of the energy audit.

Flooring: The Board agreed to purchase flooring for the Old Schoolhouse Common.

Huntington Road: Bobbi will send a letter to the Arnesen family, asking for permission to build a turnaround for the town trucks.

Village Water: The Road Crew expressed concerns with the state of the road to the Village well. Justin will talk to the Village about it.

Shearing Machine: The Board approved renting a machine to shear trees over the roadways.

Zoning Administrator: Rich moved to accept Kate's resignation effective June 15, and appoint her as Interim Zoning Administrator until a new person can be found. Justin seconded – all in favor. The Board received applications for the position. They will schedule joint interviews with the Planning Commission.

Flag and Lighting: Michele donated a flag but a larger flag is needed. Justin is working on a lighting plan.

Picnic Shelter Tables: The Board received a suggestion to have a pizza oven near the picnic shelter. Rich is exploring crowdsourcing for other improvements to the picnic shelter project. The Board discussed the location and orientation of the shelter and the ice rink. They will confirm the location and orientation of the shelter and the rink before construction starts.

Railroad Bed Reclassification: The Board scheduled a hearing to decide whether to reclassify the portion of the railroad bed that is town property, where the old depot was located, to make it a legal trail. The hearing will be on August 1st. The site visit will be at 5:30 with the hearing immediately following.

Minute takers: The Board has been asked to pay the people taking minutes of board meetings. The Board discussed it and agreed that the DRB clerk is paid because the DRB is a quasi-judicial board and the clerk has more duties. They do not intend to pay for the minute takers of other boards.

Expenses, Permits & Payroll: Selectboard members read and approved reports for General Expenses and Payroll.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the June 6, 2023 Selectboard Meeting.
A True Record. Attest, _____, Town Clerk
